

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 7, as follows:

In a further embodiment the integrated circuit of the transponder has read/write capabilities. Instructions sent from the reader to the transponder may take the form of coded instructions included in the mute and/or ~~and/or~~ acceptance instructions. For example, if the mute and/or acceptance instructions are in the form of interruptions in the reader signal, the coded instructions may be present in the gaps in the reader signal defined by those interruptions.